RE: Adelphia Gateway LLC Application for Certificate of Public Convenience CP18-46-000

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, the largest, broad-based business advocacy organization in the Commonwealth, I am writing in support of Adelphia Gateway LLC’s Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience (CP18-46-000), which would add greatly needed natural gas capacity to the state and region’s transmission network and deliver an incremental 250,000 dekatherms per day of domestically produced natural gas to underserved market in urban and suburban southeastern Pennsylvania.

It is important to note that this project will provide for a substantial increase in the supply of natural gas to markets in southeastern Pennsylvania using existing infrastructure repurposed for natural gas delivery. The increased use of natural gas can also assist the five-county Philadelphia region progress with attaining federal National Ambient Air Quality Standards – which has been a challenge in past years given the emissions contributions from mobile sources along the interstate I-95 corridor. Improved air quality and attainment of NAAQS standards yields not just improved public health benefit, but increased economic opportunity as well, as attainment with NAAQS means a more welcoming regulatory environment for new and expanded manufacturing and investment.

Various regulators at the state, regional and national level, including FERC, have already determined construction can occur with minimal impact to the environment. In addition, the pipeline will provide substantial economic benefit throughout the energy supply chain by supporting the continued exploration and production in Pennsylvania’s rural northern tier, the substantial purchasing of goods and labor by the company during construction, and the availability of a reliable, low-cost, clean-burning fuel for consumers and manufacturers at the end points of delivery.

In closing, additional natural gas pipeline infrastructure buildout and use means a net improvement for the economy and environment. We urge the Commission to conduct a thorough and timely review of the application and relevant comments so that this project can move forward.

Sincerely,

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